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U-2 Pilot, Wife Settle Divorce Suit

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., April 23 (AP). — A final settlement out of court has ended litigation in the divorce of U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers from Mrs. Barbara Gay Powers.

J. C. Cooper, superior court clerk of Baldwin County, confirmed yesterday that notice of the settlement and a petition to dismiss Mrs. Powers' motion for a new trial were filed Saturday by her attorney, Robert H. Green.

Mr. Green and Mr. Powers' attorney, Milton Gardner, declined comment on the settlement but Mr. Green's notice to the court said alimony and judgment had been paid in full. A jury awarded Mrs. Powers \$5,000 and attorneys' fees of \$500.

Mr. Green told newsmen that Mrs. Powers "is well adjusted in her home town (Milledgeville) and appears to be happy. She is glad to get this matter behind her and start a new life. She is living with her mother and two uncles."

Mr. Powers won a divorce decree January 16, 1963. He accused his wife of habitual drunkenness. She filed a counter suit charging him with mental cruelty.

Mr. Powers was shot down while flying a U-2 plane on a reconnaissance mission over the Soviet Union May 1, 1960. He was tried on spy charges in a Moscow court in August, 1960, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to "10 years deprivation of liberty."

On February 10, 1962, the 32-year-old U-2 pilot was released in exchange for Col. Rudolph I. Abel, a Soviet spy in prison in the United States.

Mr. Powers is now employed as an engineering test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Burbank, Calif.